

## MISCELLANY

Items for the News column must be furnished by the twentieth of the preceding month. Under this department are grouped: News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and Twenty-five Years Ago. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

### NEWS

**The American Board of Otolaryngology.**—An examination was held in Chicago, October 27, 1930, during the session of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

One hundred and eleven candidates were examined, of which eighteen were either conditioned or failed.

The board will hold an examination in Los Angeles in the spring, preceding the meeting of the Pacific Coast Oto-Ophthalmological Society, and in Philadelphia at the time of the meeting of the American Medical Association. An examination will also be given in the fall at Indianapolis, preceding the meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, which will be held at French Lick Springs.

Prospective applicants for certificate should address the secretary, Dr. W. P. Wherry, 1500 Medical Arts Building, Omaha, Nebraska, for proper application blanks.

**The eighty-third semiannual meeting of the Southern California Medical Association** was held at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, October 31 and November 1 last.

The sessions were well attended, and the meeting was a very successful one.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Fred B. Clarke of Long Beach, president; William H. Barrow of San Diego, first vice-president; Philip H. Stephens of Los Angeles, second vice-president; Carl R. Howson of Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the Hotel Coronado in April, 1931.

**Meeting of the California Tuberculosis Association.** A two-day program has been arranged for the meeting of the California Tuberculosis Association to be held at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10.

The Sociological Section will have three half-day sessions on program building, child care, and rehabilitation.

The Medical Section will have three half-day sessions on thoracic surgery, demonstration of chest plates, and a symposium on tuberculosis in children.

Many of the leading authorities of California have consented to present papers and lead in the discussion.

The following program has been announced: On Friday morning The Results of Ten Years in Pulmonary Tuberculosis Surgery will be presented by Leo Eloesser; Atelectasis, by Harold Brunn; Chest Surgery in Europe and America, by F. S. Dolley; and Surgery in Pulmonary Tuberculosis, by W. H. Thearle.

On Friday afternoon Dr. Joseph E. Pottenger will speak on "Laboratory Technique." Presentation of interesting films by visiting members. Completed program to be announced later. Doctors are requested to bring interesting x-ray films.

The Saturday morning session, a symposium on tuberculosis in children will be discussed in its various aspects by Ernst Wolff, William H. Sargent, Rolla G. Karshner, Harold Trimble, Charles Ianne, and Henry Dietrich.

**Diagnostic Clinic.**—The Livermore Sanitarium, in connection with its diagnostic clinic, is establishing a department for the examination of children. This department will be devoted to children in need of guidance because of some nervous behavior or mental disorder. A special effort will be made to examine children of psychotic parents who may have, as the result of inheritance or environmental influences, a predisposition to mental disease.

The clinic is free to all cases referred by public health nurses or those who present evidence of their inability to pay the regular fee.

The clinic will be held each Wednesday afternoon or patients will be seen by appointment.

**Grants to Faculty Members, School of Medicine, University of Southern California.**—Three grants have been made to two faculty members of the School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, Dr. Harry J. Deuel and Dr. Clinton H. Thienes, by national scientific organizations, according to announcement of Dr. William D. Cutter, dean of the Southern California Medical School.

Doctor Deuel, professor of biochemistry, has been honored by grants of \$300 each from the National Research Council and from the Committee on Scientific Research of the American Medical Association for the purpose of research in the determination of the antiketogenic value of different carbohydrates. In this experiment Professor Deuel has accepted the co-operation of a number of individuals who voluntarily have gone on a uniformly protein-fat diet of such things as meat, eggs, butter, and salad dressing, with carbohydrates excluded. On such a diet, with carbohydrates absent, acidosis will develop in the subjects, he states. Doctor Deuel will then test the efficiency of the ordinary carbohydrates, such as sugars, to decrease the acid formation.

Doctor Thienes, associate professor of pharmacology at Southern California, also received a grant from the American Medical Association, this one of \$500 for research in "The Relationship Between Mesenteric Plexus and Ganglia and the Mesenteric Nerves."

**Psychiatry Fellowships.**—The National Committee for Mental Hygiene announces the availability to properly qualified candidates of fellowships for training in extramural psychiatry. These fellowships are designed to provide special training for physicians who have had previous hospital training in psychiatry but who wish to prepare themselves for extramural work in the fields of child guidance, delinquency, education, dependency, and industry.

Fellowships are open to physicians who are under thirty-five years of age, graduates of Class A medical schools, and who have had at least one year of training in a hospital for mental disease maintaining satisfactory standards of clinical work and instruction. A longer period of hospital training is desirable.

Applicants able to meet these requirements will not be required to take competitive written or oral examinations. Selections will be made on the basis of length and type of previous training in formal psychiatry; on general fitness for the work contemplated; and, in most cases, on the results of a personal interview.

These fellowships cover a period of training approximately one year in length.

During this training period trainees usually are assigned for three to four months' periods at such places as the Boston Psychopathic Hospital; Judge Baker Foundation, Boston; Institute for Juvenile Research, Chicago; and other places of a similar nature, as well as to various child-guidance clinics located in Cleveland, Philadelphia, and other cities. Assignments to these training centers are not definite, however, and assignment to any given place will depend upon the availability of instruction at such place, as well as the special needs of the individual trainee. Assignments are not made for more than three months in advance, and adherence for the year's training period to a fixed program in advance is impossible.

These fellowships carry stipends at the rate of \$2000 to \$2500 for the twelve months' period.

Applications need not be filed within stated periods, but will be received at any time. In the case of successful applicants, arrangements will be made to begin work whenever mutually convenient to the applicant and to the director of the training center to which the applicant is first assigned.

Applications or inquiries for further information should be sent to Dr. Frankwood E. Williams, Medical Director, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y.

**Dr. Sven Lokrantz Elected President of the American Association of School Physicians.**—At the recent annual session of the American Association of School Physicians held at Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. Sven Lokrantz, whose work as medical director of the Los Angeles City Schools has attracted much attention, was elected president of the association. A few months have passed since Doctor Lokrantz was knighted by the King of Sweden in recognition of the service which he had rendered in the health conservation of school children.

## MUCH IN LITTLE \*

The science of medicine and the art of medicine seldom pick the same man as their favorite.

The hardest operation for any surgeon is to "cut out" unnecessary surgical procedures.

The medical herd is easier stampeded than any other of equal intelligence.

The paragon of human wisdom—a young specialist at his first consultation.

What difference is there in technic and ethics between the stabbing in the dark of the Italian Mafia and the anonymous blackballing in "exclusive medical societies"?

Professional assets in medical practice: gray hairs, gold-rimmed spectacles; also balanced clinical judgment and clinical experience.

A diagnosis which leans too strongly on the crutch of laboratory reports is bound to be a lame one.

It used to be the practice of medicine. Now it is the game of medicine.

\* Members of the California, Nevada, and Utah Medical Associations are invited to contribute to this column of aphorisms, which will appear from time to time in *California and Western Medicine*, as sufficient copy accumulates. The aphorisms in this issue were sent in by Moses Scholtz, M. D., Los Angeles.

## IN LIGHTER (?) VEIN

The following were the questions and answers of one of the applicants, who was applying for a license as a midwife, in an anatomy and physiology examination which was held under the auspices of the California Board of Medical Examiners at San Francisco on July 8, 1930. In justice to the applicant it is only fair to state that it was necessary to translate English questions into Italian, and in turn to translate the Italian answers into English. The questions and answers were as follows:

Q. What is the function of the skin?

A. The function of the skin is to help toward the development and the health of the body.

Q. Describe the secretion of milk. What conditions may modify this secretion?

A. The secretion of milk is very necessary for the nourishment of the new-born. It is composed of butter, salt, and sugar.

Q. What is bile? Where formed and what action has it?

A. Bile is secreted by the liver. Its action is to help the proper function in the elements of digestion.

Q. What is the lymphatic system? What function have lymph glands?

A. Lymph glands are the glands which help toward the functioning.

Q. Name the bones of the skull. What is the anterior fontanelle?

A. The bones of the skull are the two parietal, superior and posterior, the small and large fontanelle.

Q. What changes occur in the heart immediately after the birth of the child?

A. After the birth of the child the heart immediately takes on the respiration.

Q. Describe the rectum.

A. The rectum is the large intestine. It helps in the evacuation of material of the body as far as the anus.

Q. What is menstruation? What changes occur in the uterus during this period?

A. The contractions are the pains of the uterus during labor. During this period the uterus works for the expulsion of the fetus.

Q. What is the spinal cord?

A. The vertebral column is formed of vertebrae and helps to support the trunk of the human body.

Q. Describe normal blood.

A. Normal blood is of a bright red.

Q. What makes blood clot?

A. The blood clot is produced immediately after labor and after miscarriages.

Q. Name the muscles forming the anterior abdominal wall?

A. The muscles which form the anterior abdominal wall are the epigastric and abdominal regions.

## SOME OPTOMETRIC TRENDS

The editorial pages of this number of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* comment on a recent optometric clinic which was held at Los Angeles. It was stated (see p. 896) that some side-lights on the matters there discussed would be printed in this column. The following items are taken from *The Optometric Weekly* of November 13, 1930, and are printed for such information they may give to readers of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* who are interested in these matters.

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*From an article captioned "Prepare for the National Educational Program":*

"The two things I have in mind are: First, to see you, as an optometrist, personally rise to a place where your financial standing and worth to your community will be equal or above that of any other citizen in it. Second, to see the profession of optometry recognized by and given a place along with the other leading professions.